

**REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY  
THE INVENTOR(S)**

Attorney Docket Number  
960716RE/TL

As a below named inventor, I declare that:  
My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below  
next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only  
one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint  
inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject  
matter which is described and claimed in patent number  
5,943,448, granted August 24, 1999, and for which a reissue  
patent is sought on the invention entitled INFORMATION  
REPRODUCING SYSTEM, INFORMATION RECORDING MEDIUM, AND  
INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS, the specification of which is  
attached hereto and as amended by Preliminary Amendment filed  
concurrently herewith.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above  
identified specification, including the claims, as amended by  
the amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is  
material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly  
inoperative or invalid by reason of the patentee claiming more  
or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described  
below.

This is a broadening reissue. For example, patent claim 1  
recites that the "reference dot detection means . . . binarizes  
the image signal with a predetermined threshold value . . . so  
as to detect a reference dot...." Claim 1, as amended, still  
recites the reference dot detection function but the  
binarization has been deleted as being a function performed by  
the reference dot detection means.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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